

THE LINCOLN LETTER WRITERS

The Distribution of Lincoln Badges Pleasing to the Recipients—Acknowledgments Received—Matters of Interest in Connection with the Prize Contest.

While The Bulletin was gratified to receive acknowledgments of Lincoln badges from its young friends, it did not expect them, and hopes that no further individual recognition will be given them, since we are sure all are pleased and grateful.

The first letter of acknowledgment was so nice that we decided that it was too good to keep to ourselves, so we decided to print it and all others which should be received up to February 28th. This was the first letter:

Nicer Than Money.

Editor Bulletin:

Dear Sir—I want to thank you very much for the Lincoln badge you sent me, and I thought you would perhaps like to know how pretty we all thought it was. My little brother said, "I think that's heaps nicer than money," when I showed it to him. This same brother's birthday comes in Lincoln day, and he is very proud of the facts, as I think almost any boy, or girl, would be. Again thanking you, I am, sincerely yours,

MARION L. PRATT.

If this is not a prize letter, it is a letter that is very much prized by the editor.

Other letters of acknowledgment of the receipt of Lincoln badges were as follows:

I Highly Value Mine.

Norwich Bulletin:

Dear Sir—I write in appreciation for the handsome Lincoln medal which I received for my essay. To give so much money and so many fine medals was an exceptionally fine thing to do. I highly value mine. Yours respectfully,

KATHERINE HANEY.

Uncasville, Conn., Feb. 22, 1909.

Unexpected.

The Bulletin Co.:

Dear Sir—Pardon me for not acknowledging the receipt of the pretty Lincoln badge before. It was unexpected, and I thank you very much. Respectfully,

JAMES B. ARMSTRONG.

Newrich, Conn., Feb. 25, 1909.

Going to Keep It.

Dear Sir—I received the Lincoln century badge and I am going to keep it to remember that I won it by writing a story about Abraham Lincoln. I hope that another time I will do better. Yours,

S. MILLER.

Brooklyn, Conn., Feb. 22, 1909.

The following letter is self explanatory and shows that Windham county has some smart 12-year-old girls:

A Little Prize Winner.

Poundtrey Center, Conn.

R. L. Box 25, Feb. 22, 1909.

Dear Sir—I am writing you personally, as I wish very much to thank you for the beautiful badge you sent my little niece, Rhena Frances Howa, Southampton, Conn., for her Lincoln essay. I did not see the child's essay, but I am told that it was a very creditable one and wholly her own work. She was one of the sixteen children in Connecticut who won Lincoln medals given by the Boston Post for the best Lincoln essays.

I am writing you, for I fear that you, or the judges, thought the little poem she wrote was copied. It was her own.

LAWN PARTY.

Given by First Baptist Junior Church Towards Pledge on Debt.

A successful lawn party was given at the First Baptist church, Friday evening by the Junior church. A rustic bridge occupied one corner, from which the children enjoyed fishing, sending different colored fish filled with candy. An orchestra of seven pieces gave selections during the evening. The orchestra included Mrs. LeRue Bliven, piano; Robert Ode and LeRue Bliven, cornets; J. W. Mallet and Alfred Bliven, clarinets; and Herbert Adams, violin. The musical program was as follows: Red Domino, march; selection from Mocking Bird; Loveland Waltzes; selection, Prince of Pilsen. Each number received a hearty encore.

Mrs. W. E. Manning as usual made a great hit in her several readings. Mrs. Charles Pierce sang charmingly. Several shadow pictures were well given by the young people, as follows: Mother Goose Rhyme; Luck of Being Ching Foo; Pulling the Turnip; and Irish Washerwomen. The participants were Edna Lerou, Charles Willey, Myles Standish, Mildred Tilden, Clifford Oak, Susan Evans, Floyd May, Elizabeth Evans and Madeline Perkins. There was a piano solo by Miss Mildred Tilden and a song by the Junior choir.

The lemonade well was in charge of Helen Dibble and Fannie Miers. The fish-pond was cared for by Clifford Oak, James Barber, Charles Brink, Willie Evans and Herbert Willey. The Misses Vera Stetson, Gladys Brown and Lucile Howard sold cake, and the candy table was in charge of Misses Edna Lerou, May Evans and Madeline Perkins. The proceeds will go to the amount pledged by the Juniors towards the church debt.

STILL AT LOCAL JAIL.

Prisoners Sentenced to Wethersfield Will Not Be Taken Until Next Week.

The criminals sentenced at the January term of the criminal superior court, which adjourned without day Friday, will not be taken to the state's prison at Wethersfield until next week, if then. The warrants for the commitment of the prisoners to the state's prison have not yet been given Sheriff Sidney A. Brown.

There are several to go to the state prison. Meanwhile they are at the Norwich jail confined until Sheriff Brown is ready to take them to Wethersfield. In the number is Addie Burns, whose case is appealed. The prisoners who received jail sentences at the January term are already working out these sentences at the county jail.

Revival Services at Mystic.

Because of the increased and still increasing interest in the revival meetings which have been held the past week in the Union Baptist church of Mystic, Rev. W. B. Bates, pastor, by Rev. C. K. Flanders, the latter has decided to continue the meetings into this week, notwithstanding that they were to have closed Sunday night. Although this was to have been a rest week for Mr. Flanders, after his untiring efforts as evangelist, including a week at the Central Baptist church in Norwich, the unprecedented interest shown in Mystic and vicinity has determined him to prolong his work there.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Beats the
Signature
Charles H. Fletcher

original work. I know but one verse of it.

Not from the halls of learning,
Not from the courts of fame;
But from a lonely cabin
The Union's saviour came.

Rhena is but twelve, yet she has won the silver medal from St. Nicholas, and has had a poem published in the Homestead. Sincerely yours,

MRS. J. B. R.
This little prize winner is the grand-niece of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Curtis of this city. She is certainly deserving of special praise.

How the Letters Were Judged.

It may be interesting to Bulletin readers to know how these 232 letters were judged. Three competent judges were selected, and each one of them took a third—two 76 letters and one 80. These letters they read separately to select the best 40, which would give them the leading 90 in the lot. They then came together and selected from these the four prize, 20 honorable mentions and 40 highly commended letters. They did not know who wrote the letters—a number representing each name being appended to each letter. The decision was handed to the editor in this form:

Number of Stories 232.

The committee were compelled to reject several well written letters, as the writers exceeded the number of words allowed. The committee found the letters of above average merit, and many of them remarkably good. The committee selected the following:

Money Prizes.

First, No. 102; \$19; second, No. 34, \$7; third, No. 111, \$5; fourth, No. 188, \$3.

Honorable Mention.

9, 18, 5, 6, 61, 12, 69, 159, 104, 114, 115, 112, 113, 208, 178, 167, 166, 197, 156, 192.

Highly Commended.

48, 84, 38, 28, 13, 34, 66, 51, 94, 44, 36, 95, 10, 83, 146, 174, 168, 165, 202, 224, 152, 135, 198, 260, 191, 119, 196, 176, 227, 204, 175, 162, 161, 216, 203, 226, 131, 209, 132, 133.

The editor then took the numbered list of names and selected the names of the winners, which were not known to him except by this process.

Part of the Letters Burned.

It may be well to say here that one of the judges had an office in the Shannon building, and read the letters on the night preceding the fire, taking the best 40 home with him in his pocket, and that night, Feb. 9th, those 40 letters were burned. Had the whole lot been burned The Bulletin would have been obliged to have cancelled all of them.

Pleasing Features of the Letters.

The children not only wrote plainly and clearly, but some of them prepared very creditable art title pages to their little essays.

One modest little miss, fearing a name might have to appear with her letter, asked to have it signed "Nancy Ridiculous," and a boy of equal modesty directed that to his letter should be added the name of "Jack Spratt." The Bulletin never had the pleasure of having so many pleasant things said of the ending of a prize contest. It was accepted as being as fair as possible, and there has not been one word of complaint from a single one of the 232 letter writers.

Some day we shall have another interesting letter writing contest for the children.

WEDDING.

Lahn—Solomon.

At the Synagogue Brothers of Joseph, beautifully decorated with a profusion of palms and crowded with the local and out of town friends of the young couple, the marriage of Joseph M. Lahn of New York and Miss Vera D. Solomon of this city took place Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. Rev. M. Katsman, assisted by Rev. M. Horovitch of Woonsocket, R. I., was officiating rabbi, and the full ceremonial and music of the synagogue service were performed in a most impressive way.

The bride and her attendants were handsomely gowned and in colors to form a charming picture of the bridal procession. The bride wore baby Irish lace over silk taffeta, empire style, and carried lilacs of the valley and white roses, the latter being also the favors of all her attendants. Her sister, Miss Rose Solomon, was maid of honor, wearing tan color satin over silk taffeta. The bridesmaids were Miss Ida Goldstein of Washington, D. C., wearing white silk; Misses Mary Solomon and her sister, wearing pink silk; Miss Jennie Lahn, sister of the groom, wearing pink silk; Miss Mary Slosberg of Manchester, N. H., wearing blue crepe de chine; and Miss Agnes Horovitch of Woonsocket, R. I., wearing orange color satin. Miss Liza Chesier of Noank was flower girl. Morris Solomon, brother of the bride, was best man, and the ushers were Simon Solomon, Jacob Slosberg of Jersey City Heights, Benjamin Lahn of New York, R. Levenson and Samuel Kohn, both of Jersey City Heights, and Morris Fisher of New York.

After the ceremony there was a largely attended reception and wedding supper served at the home of the bride's uncle, Michael Levine, No. 251 West Main street. Telegrams of congratulation were read from friends in many cities and best wishes were tendered to the newly married couple by all present. Dancing, for which the Cadillac orchestra played, was enjoyed till a late hour, and wedding cake souveniers were distributed to the guests.

The bride is a well known milliner, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Solomon of No. 224 West Main street. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lahn of No. 69 Summit street, and formerly resided in this city, but is now in the furniture business in New York city. The young couple received a large number of handsome presents. They will reside at No. 447 West Forty-third street, New York, where they will be at home to their friends after a short wedding tour.

Among the guests present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Slosberg of Jersey City Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lahn and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lahn of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Slosberg of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wilson of New York, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pearl of New Haven, Michael Chester of Noank, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slosberg of Hoboken, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sherrin of Manchester, N. H.

REV. C. A. NORTHROP ACCEPTS.

Will Start Work This Morning as City Missionary.

On Saturday Miss Cogswell, secretary of the City Mission committee of the United Workers received a reply from Rev. C. A. Northrop in which he accepted the offer of the committee extended to him to become city missionary, succeeding A. P. Corbin, who left last December.

Rev. Mr. Northrop will take up the work at once, starting this morning, and Lewis Nickle of New London, who has been substituting since Mr. Corbin left, will remain for a while.

A good joke lives forever, and afterward the magazines begin printing it.—Richmond Times-Dispatch

SHORT CIRCUIT CUT

OFF UNCAS COMPANY POWER

Limb Fell Across Line and Local Steam Plant Had to Be Started.

For about six hours on Sunday, from 4.30 p. m. to 10.30, the city electric light plant on North Main street was furnishing the electric current for the wires following a short circuit along the line of the Uncas Power Co., which put that plant out of business. The short-circuiting happened about 4.30 o'clock, cutting off the current from the Scotland dam and Superintendent Bogue ordered the local plant into operation, while the power company had its men out along their line looking up the trouble. This was found about 10.30 and remedied, the limb of a tree having fallen across the line near Fifth street in Greenfield.

When the power plant was cut out, lights all over the city went out, but as soon as steam under the two boilers at the North Main street plant was gotten up the city service was resumed and the city plant continued to furnish the electric juice until the Uncas Power Co. was able to take hold again about 10.30.

TAFTVILLE.

Pinochle Tournament—Maennerchor Wins by 710 Points—\$55 for St. Anne's Society—Attended Funeral of Relative in Fall River—Notes.

In the first meeting of a pinochle tournament in the hall of the Maennerchor, a team representing the Maennerchor defeated the Taftville Pinochle club by a score of 710 points. The total number of points made by the winning team was \$355. The Maennerchor was represented by the following players:

John Seidel, Fred Radtke, Charles Hoefler, George Seidel, Martin Seidel, Harvey Leopold, Herman Opitz, Mar- tily Krauss, Christian Dotok, Erhardt Bauer, Alvin Kempf, Charles Kioso.

The Pinochle club's team comprised Henry Sigrist, Fred Roy, Arthur Roy, Wilfrid Goucher, Emil Goucher, Edward D'Avignon, John B. Benoit, Ernest Knudsen, John B. Benoit, George Havens and William Baldwin.

A handsome and valuable silver loving cup, purchased jointly by the two contesting clubs, will be awarded to that club which wins three games out of a possible five. The cup has been on exhibition in a Taftville store for the past week. The next meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 11.

The tournament is in charge of the following arrangements and committees: Three members from each society—from the Maennerchor, John Seidel, Carl Hoefler, Fred Radtke, and from the Pinochle club, J. B. Benoit, William Chamberlain, Fred Roy.

Surprise for Gustave Heik.

Gustave Heik was pleasantly surprised at his home in Lisbon Saturday evening by nearly forty of his friends, some of whom came from Greenfield, Norwint and Taftville City. In behalf of his friends Martin Seidel presented Mr. Heik an umbrella. Later a varied musical programme was enjoyed and refreshments were served by this committee. Miss Mary Dillon, Miss Ethel Kennedy, Martin Seidel and Andrew Frohman.

Meeting of Naturalization Club.

At the regular meeting of the Naturalization club Sunday, President Caron presiding, a letter was read by William Sanderson from Charles W. Pearson, concerning the naturalization bill which the club is endeavoring to have brought before the legislature. The letter showed the importance of having the representative from the town see that the matter is given proper attention. To call attention to the earnest desire for an amendment to the present naturalization law, a list of Taftville petitioners will be cured during the coming week. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Sanderson for his kindness and good will toward the club.

Whist at St. Louis' Hall.

Under the auspices of the St. Louis society a whist party of twenty-five tables was held at their hall Saturday evening. The winners were: Firsts, Rose Dejarlais, Octavia Peiffer; seconds, Alexina Feltus, Wilfrid Peiffer; consolations, Mrs. Phaneuf, Beibie Beausoleil. It is planned to hold these whists weekly.

Meeting of Hugh H. Osgood Lodge.

At the regular meeting of Hugh H. Osgood lodge, O. O. F. M. U. G. P. I. day evening, the brothers listened to an interesting address on Odd Fellowship by Joseph Woolley of Thomesville. There was a large attendance. It is expected that at the next meeting the plan of holding a social hour will be followed out.

Whist Nets \$95.

At the Sacred Heart church Sunday Rev. Arthur O'Keefe announced that the St. Anne's society realized \$95 from their whist a week ago. It was also announced that the Children of Mary were arranging a play for St. Patrick's day.

Personals.

William Pickering of Pawtucket is spending a week as the guest of his father, John Pickering of Norwich avenue.

Mrs. Ennles Letendre and her children, Rome, Napoleon, Azella and Edward were guests of Mrs. Letendre's mother, Mrs. Philip Monty, of Scotland, Sunday.

Joseph Caron, Jr., of School street left Sunday afternoon for New York, where he has accepted employment. He has many friends in Taftville, who wish him success in his new field.

John Dunse of Front street attended the funeral of his uncle, James Dunse, in Fall River, Sunday. Others present from Taftville were Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Kyle and Mr. and Mrs. William Kendall. Richard Dunse of Meriden and James Dunse of Attawagan were also in attendance.



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The Boston Store

A FIRE SALE!

Begins Here This Morning, MARCH 1st, At 9 o'clock.

Every department in the Main Store affected by the recent fire in our store—namely, Women's Neckwear, Laces, Art Embroidery Goods, Notions, Hosiery, Underwear, Dress Goods, Cloaks, Suits, Etc., Boys' Clothing, Corsets, Upholstery, Rugs and Carpets—of the goods in question some are more or less scorched, while others, in a great many cases, have not been injured to any extent.

The following departments have been entirely destroyed: Shoes, Gents' Furnishings, Domestic, Wash Goods, Silks, Candles, Stationery, Gloves and Muslin were uninjured, will be sold at reduced prices.

Every Dollar's Worth of Our Present Stock Must Go!

To do this we are willing to lose not only the money allowed us by the fire insurance companies, but our own money as well. The consequence is that never in the history of Norwich has there been such an opportunity to buy the highest possible grades of merchandise at a fraction of their value.

Location of Departments

(MAIN STORE)

Gloves, Ribbons, Notions, Underwear, Laces, Women's Neckwear, Dress Goods

(CENTER ROOM)

Art Embroidery Goods

(SECOND FLOOR)

Cloaks, Suits, Waists, Etc. Infants' Wear, Corsets, Muslin Underwear.

(THIRD FLOOR)

Upholstery, Rugs, Carpets, Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases.

(BASEMENT)

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